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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION - MONDALE/SOARES TELEPHONE CONVERSATION

1. VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S JANUARY 27 PHONE CALL FROM
LONDON TO PRIME MINISTER SOARES WAS GIVEN HEAVY PRESS,
RADIO AND TELEVISION PLAY WHICH WAS STRAIGHTFORWARD AND
POSITIVE.

2. SAMPLE JAN. 28 FRONT PAGE HEADLINES: TOP-CIRCULATION
MORNING PRO-SOCIALIST PARTY "DIARIO DE NOTICIAS" -- "PHONE
CALL FOR MARIO SOARES: MONDALE GUARANTEES AMERICAN AID";
CENTRIST "O DIA" -- "MESSAGE FROM MONDALE TO MARIO
SOARES, BY TELEPHONE: "YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS".
"O DIA" ALSO PUBLISHED LARGE-TYPE FRONT-PAGE SUMMARY:
"THE AMERICAN VICE PRESIDENT TOLD THE PORTUGUESE PRIME
MINISTER THAT PORTUGAL COULD CONTINUE TO COUNT ON AMERICAN
ASSISTANCE IN THE AREA OF ECONOMIC COOPERATION AND THAT
THE BILATERAL LOAN OF \$300 MILLION WILL BE FINALIZED SHORTLY."
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3. ALL REPORTS DREW HEAVILY ON PRIME MINISTER'S
COMMUNIQUE ISSUED JAN. 27 DIRECTLY AFTER THE PHONE
CONVERSATION. HERewith THE TEXT IN INFORMAL EMBASSY
TRANSLATION:
(BEGIN QUOTE)

THE PRIME MINISTER, DR. MARIO SOARES, THIS AFTERNOON RECEIVED A PHONE CALL FROM THE U.S. VICE PRESIDENT, WALTER MONDALE, WHO WAS IN LONDON. THE CONVERSATION, WHICH LASTED FOR ABOUT 15 MINUTES, WAS CORDIAL, WITH BOTH PERSONS RECALLING THAT THEY HAD MET IN WASHINGTON DURING DR. MARIO SOARES' LAST VISIT TO WASHINGTON.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE REASSURED THE PRIME MINISTER OF THE ASSISTANCE BY PRESIDENT CARTER'S NEW ADMINISTRATION TO DEMOCRATIC PORTUGAL AND PRAISED THE SUCCESSES OF PRESIDENT EANES AND DR. MARIO SOARES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO INSTILL DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL.

IT WAS FURTHER STRESSED THAT VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE WAS TOLD BY OTHER EUROPEAN LEADERS THAT THEY ALSO SHARE THIS ADMIRATION (FOR PORTUGAL'S IMPLANTATION OF A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT).

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE FURTHER STATED THAT PORTUGAL COULD CONTINUE TO COUNT ON AMERICAN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE, BASED UPON THE FRIENDSHIP TIES WHICH CHARACTERIZE RELATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ALSO SAID THAT THE BILATERAL LOAN OF \$300 MILLION WOULD BE FINALIZED SHORTLY, ADDING THAT HE HAD SPOKEN WITH EUROPEAN LEADERS REGARDING A MULTI-LATERAL LOAN AND THAT HE LIKewise WOULD BRING UP THIS SUBJECT DURING THE VISIT WHICH HE IS ABOUT TO MAKE TO JAPAN.

"YOUR SUCCESS IS OUR SUCCESS," VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE SPECIFICALLY SAID. THE PRIME MINISTER THANKED VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE FOR THE MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER
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AND POINTED OUT THE IMPORTANCE OF ECONOMIC STABILITY FOR THE FUTURE OF FREEDOM IN PORTUGAL.

VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE ASKED THE PRIME MINISTER TO TRANSMIT TO PRESIDENT EANES THE PERSONAL GREETINGS OF PRESIDENT CARTER AND HIMSELF, TO WHICH DR. MARIO SOARES RESPONDED IN THE NAME OF PRESIDENT EANES AND HIMSELF.

BOTH LEADERS EXPRESSED A DESIRE TO MEET AGAIN SOON IN PERSON AT A TIME TO BE ARRANGED.

(END QUOTE).

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